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EDUCATION

Southern Methodist University, 1994
B.A. in Psychology and Sociology, Cum Laude, Departmental Distinction in Psychology

University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas, 1998
Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology (APA-Approved)

LICENSURE AND CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Psychologist, State of Alabama (08/2000-Present)
License # 1108

Board Certified in Clinical Neuropsychology by the American Board of Professional Psychology (11/2002 - Present)

Certified Forensic Examiner (3/2017-10/2019) -Issued by the Alabama Department of Mental Health

CLINICAL POSITIONS

10/2000–Present **Private Practice–Clinical Psychology & Neuropsychology**
Mobile, Alabama

10/2010-Present **Adjunct Assistant Professor**
Department of Neurology, University of South Alabama-Mobile, Alabama

10/2000–01/2015 **Consulting Neuropsychologist**
Rotary Rehabilitation Hospital–Mobile, Alabama

11/1998–09/2000 **Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Neuropsychology**

UT Southwestern Medical Center Neuropsychology Service–Dallas, Texas

08/1996–11/1998 **APA Approved Internship in Clinical Neuropsychology & Child Psychology**
UT Southwestern Medical Center Neuropsychology Service–Dallas, Texas
Carrollton Independent School District–Carrollton, Texas

05/1995–08/1996 **Practicum in Clinical Psychology & Neuropsychology**
Terrell State Hospital–Terrell, Texas

05/1995–08/1998 **Practicum in Adult Outpatient Psychotherapy**
UT Southwestern Outpatient Psychotherapy Clinic–Dallas, Texas

05/1995–08/1997 **Psychiatric Emergency Room Practicum**
Parkland Health and Hospital Systems–Dallas, Texas

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

09/1998–09/2000 **Post-Doctoral Fellowship Research**
UT Southwestern Medical Center Neuropsychology Service–Dallas, Texas

12/1996–11/1998 **Dissertation Research**
UT Southwestern Neuropsychology Service–Dallas, Texas
Dissertation Chair: C. Munro Cullum, Ph.D., ABPP-CN
Dissertation Title: *A Comparison of Methods to Localize the Seizure Focus: Determining the Most Effective Predictors of Seizure Laterality*

08/1996–08/1998 **Research Practicum**
UT Southwestern Medical Center Neuropsychology Service–Dallas, Texas

09/1993–01/1994 **Research Assistant**
Southern Methodist University–Dallas, Texas

11/1993–05/1994 **Research Apprenticeship/Undergraduate Honors Research**
Southern Methodist University–Dallas, Texas

TEACHING & SUPERVISION EXPERIENCE

01/2011-present **Neurology Resident Training Rotation**
University of South Alabama- Mobile, Alabama

- 08/2009-08/2010 **Supervision of Psychotherapy Cases for Psychiatry Residents**
University of South Alabama-Mobile, Alabama
- 08/2002-08/2006 **Supervision of Psychology Graduate Student Internship**
University of South Alabama-Mobile, Alabama
- 08/1998-09/2000 **Lab Instructor, Clinical Neuropsychology Course**
UT Southwestern Medical Center Graduate Clinical Psychology Program
- 08/1998-09/2000 **Guest Lecturer, Clinical Neuropsychology Course**
UT Southwestern Medical Center Graduate Clinical Psychology Program
- 08/1999-09/2000 **Supervision of Psychology Doctoral Students**
UT Southwestern Medical Center Neuropsychology Service
- 08/1993-01/1994 **Teaching Assistant**
Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 2018-present **American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology Scientific Program
Review Committee**
- 9/2016 & 03/2017 **Basic and Advanced HIMS Trainings for FAA compliant
neuropsychological assessment of pilots and aircrew**
- 10/2015-present **Regional Board of Directors, Alabama Head Injury Foundation**
Mobile, Alabama
- 10/2000-10/2005 **Board of Directors, Epilepsy Foundation of South Alabama**
Mobile, Alabama
- 08/1998-present **Ad Hoc Reviewer**
Review of articles submitted to various neuropsychological journals,
including *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, *Neuropsychology Review*,
Brain Injury, and *Journal of International Neuropsychological Society*

- 02/2000–08/2000 **Adjustment to Living with a Brain Tumor**
UT Southwestern Center for Neuro-Oncology: Designed and implemented a six-week psychoeducational program for patients with brain tumors and their family members.
- 01/1997–01/1998 **Family Resiliency Project**
UT Southwestern Medical Center/Dallas County MHMR: Served as part of a multi-disciplinary team conducting six-week interventions with families in which an adult member has a mental illness. Led psychotherapy groups for children and adolescents, focusing on the development of skills to cope with difficulties associated with their family member's illness.

PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS & MANUSCRIPTS

Connor, B., **Ogden, M.**, Waller, K., Cullum, C.M., & Frohman, E. (1998). MMPI-2 and depression in multiple sclerosis. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, *13* (1), 109.

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Lacritz, L.H., **Epker, M.O.,** VanNess, P.V., Agostini, M., & Cullum, C.M. (2000). Psychological functioning and seizure outcome following temporal lobectomy. *Archives of Clinical Neuropsychology*, 15, 712.

Pappolla, M.A. & **Ogden-Epker, M.** (2000). Oxidative stress and the amyloid conundrum. What is the connection? *Journal of Alzheimer's Disease*, 2, 79–82.

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Epker, M.O., Agostini, M., Mathews, D., Lacritz, L., & Cullum, C.M. (2001). A comparison of methods to localize the epileptic focus. *Journal of the International Neuropsychological Society*, 7, 211.

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PRESENTATIONS

Cullum, C.M. & **Epker, M.O.** (1999). *Cognitive Profiles in Epilepsy and Dementia*. UT Southwestern Medical Center Department of Neurology Grand Rounds.

Epker, M.O. (1999). *Verbal Fluency in Aging and Dementia*. UT Southwestern Medical Center Alzheimer's Disease Research Center.

Epker, M.O. (1999–2000). *Neuropsychology in a Neuropsychiatric Setting*. Monthly presentation to psychiatry residents, physician assistants, and nursing students. UT Southwestern Medical Center, Department of Psychiatry.

Epker, M.O. (2000). *Coping with Depression*. UT Southwestern Medical Center Epilepsy Center.

Ogden, M. (2001-2005). *The Brain and Behavior*. Yearly presentation to medical students. University of South Alabama Medical Center.

Ogden, M. (2004 and 2015). *Who Needs a Neuropsychologist Anyway?* Spanning the Challenges of Brain Injury, Mobile, Alabama (2004) and University of South Alabama Neuroscience Symposium (2015).

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